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1. FOLLOWING ARE HEADQUARTERS TRACES FYI [LONDON] ONLY  
ON WILLIAM GAUDET AND  
ANTONIO VECIANA MENTIONED REF.

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did not mark  
this for filing  
in the 201.

2. WILLIAM GEORGE GAUDET

DPOB: 21 SEPTEMBER 1908, ST. JAMES, LOUISIANA, USA

CIT: U.S.

BC

AS OF CA 1953 GAUDET'S ADDRESS WAS GIVEN AS 2176 ESPLANADE AVENUE,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. HE WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF LATIN AMERICA  
AND PUBLISHED IN THE EARLY 1950'S A MAGAZINE OR BULLETIN "LATIN  
AMERICAN REPORTS". HE WAS A CONTACT OF DCD FROM 1948 UNTIL NOVEMBER  
1961 IN NEW ORLEANS AREA. HE WAS DEBRIEFED ON HIS LATIN AMERICAN  
TRAVELS 1948-1955 AND WAS A CASUAL CONTACT FROM 1955-1961.  
GAUDET WAS AMONG INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN A LETTER OF 24 JANUARY  
1978 TO CIA FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS. THE  
COMMITTEE INTENDED CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH GAUDET AND INQUIRED  
IF DCD HAD EVER BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM. HQS RESPONDED ON 27 JAN  
1978 SAYING WE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS,  
BUT HAD NO CURRENT CONTACT WITH OR RECENT INTEREST IN HIM.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GAUDET HAS MADE THIS CLAIM  
BEFORE, THAT OF HAVING BEEN AN "OPERATIVE" AND HAS EXAGGERATED  
HIS ROLE WITH THE AGENCY. AS AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL ASIDE,  
AN ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON "STAR" (15 JAN 1976) REPORTED GAUDET  
HAD RECEIVED MEXICAN TOURIST VISA IN NEW ORLEANS, APPARENTLY CIRCA  
1963. HIS VISA NUMBER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED THAT OF VISA GRANTED  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

3. ANTONIO CARLOS V E C I A N A BLANCH (201-0312966)

DPOB: 18 OCTOBER 1928, CUBA

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